

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Description of amendments

In the specification, a new abstract has been submitted.

Applicant has rewritten claim 8 in independent form and cancelled claims 1-7 and 10. As amended, claims 8 and 9 are now pending and under examination.

Allowed and allowable claims

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner has indicated claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if they are rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 8 and 9 are in allowable form.

Objection to the abstract

The object to the abstract has been overcome by the amendments to the abstract.

Objection to the drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing the features of claim 8. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection.

Claim 8 recites that the pivotal motion of the lid causes actuation arms to slide along a shaft. The drawings show the mechanism that allows the lid 1 to pivot between an open position (Figures 1, 5, and 6) and a closed position (Figures 7, 11, and 12). Figures 1, 5, and 6 show that the lid 1 is pivoted to the open position, and Figures 7, 11, and 12 show that the lid 1 is pivoted to the closed position. The drawings also show the mechanism connecting the lid 1 to the actuation arms 5, 6. The drawings further show that when the lid 1 is pivoted to the open position the actuation arms 5, 6 are caused to slide into a first position along the shaft 11 (Figures 1, 5, and 6), and when the lid 1 is pivoted to the closed position the actuation arms 5, 6 are caused to slide into a second position along the shaft 11 (Figures 7, 11, and 12).

Therefore, the drawings clearly show the subject matter of claim 8.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103(a)

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Fukunaga* (U.S. Patent 6,296,505). Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fukunaga* in view of *Hachuda* (U.S. Patent 20030194898). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fukunaga*. The cancellation of claims 1-7 and 10 renders the rejections moot.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0150.

Respectfully submitted,

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